

# SENATE . . . . . No. 240

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

**Patricia D. Jehlen**

*To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:*

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the passage of the accompanying bill:

An Act relative to charter school enrollment.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
Patricia D. Jehlen	Second Middlesex
Bruce E. Tarr	First Essex and Middlesex
Susan C. Fargo	Third Middlesex
Jennifer M. Callahan	18th Worcester

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE SENATE, NO. S00323 OF 2007-2008.]

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**In the Year Two Thousand and Nine**

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### **AN ACT RELATIVE TO CHARTER SCHOOL ENROLLMENT.**

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

1           SECTION 1. Chapter 71, Section 89 of the General Laws is hereby amended by striking  
2           subsection (o) and inserting in place thereof the following subsection:

3           The Department of Education shall annually, no later than April 1, notify each public school  
4           district in writing of the number of students who will be attending the charter school from the  
5           district the following September as well as the number of new students who will be transferring  
6           from that district to the charter school in the following September. Charter school tuition  
7           payments from the district shall be based on the previous year's enrollment in a manner identical  
8           to the calculation of a district's chapter 70 aid.

9           SECTION 2. Chapter 71, Section 89 is hereby further amended by striking out  
10          subsection (oo) and inserting in place thereof the following subsection:

11          Beginning in fiscal year 2011, any charter school whose total charter school enrollment is greater  
12          than its total charter school enrollment for the previous year shall be reimbursed by the

13    commonwealth in accordance with this paragraph and subject to appropriation; provided,  
14    however, that the reimbursement amount shall be equal to 100 per cent of the increase in the year  
15    in which the increase occurs; 60 per cent of that amount in the first year following; and 40 per  
16    cent of that amount in the second year following.